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Crowd Concern

- People continue to flood markets and public places
- Sub-Registrar offices turning out to be COVID hotspots

Mysuru, May 4 (RK,SSV,SD & BCT)- The mandatory COVID-19 protocols are going for a toss every day in Mysuru despite lockdown-like measures, causing concern.

These crowds, with barely any mask and no social distancing can prove to be super-spreaders. In fact, crowds, in their enthusiasm to purchase essentials, are tending to forget that the virus is lurking amidst them.

Incidentally, the Supreme Court yesterday asked States to ban super-spreader events involving large crowds to check the spread of COVID. The Court asked the Centre and States to ensure protocols are followed even in small markets and shops.

Ironically, the Sub-Registrar's offices — a Government set up — in Mysuru might turn out to be a COVID hotspot as on an average, over 7,000 people visit the offices and people have not taken the Government advisory seriously and continue to visit the offices for sundry non-essential works. Here too, COVID protocols are given a go-by under the very nose of senior officers who are supposed to enforce rules.

At all streets of Mysuru, people are found moving unnecessarily even after the daily curfew is implemented after the six-hour purchase window from 6 am to 12 noon. Though the number of positive cases and casualties are increasing by the day, Mysureans are moving around as if everything is normal. For the convenience of general public, Government has allowed opening of grocery stores and milk booths. But in the name of purchasing essential items, people are often coming out of houses and moving around needlessly.

(See CROWD on page 7)

suspended indefinitely

New Delhi, May 4 (Agencies)- The Indian Premier League Governing Council (IPL GC) and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in an emergency meeting this afternoon unanimously decided to postpone IPL 2021, with immediate effect after several players and support staff tested positive for COVID-19.

"The tournament has been suspended indefinitely. We will try to conduct the event in the next available window but this month is unlikely," League Chairman Brijesh Patel said. The BCCI has suspended the tournament for at least a week.

"...we will take stock if we can find a suitable window later during the year. It could be September but these are all speculations. As of now we are not conducting it any further," said BCCI Vice-President Rajiv Shukla.

(See IPL on page 7)

Villagers block road to Paschimavahini

Residents take matter into their own hands as people continue to perform rituals in connivance with some priests

Srirangapatna, May 4 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- Family members of a COVID victim who had come to Srirangapatna (Gosai Ghat) from Bengaluru to immerse the ashes were turned away by villagers this morning.

The family was told that the Taluk Administration had banned the ritual of immersing ashes at Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna due to the pandemic. The family members told the villagers that they were not aware of the ban and had come here to immerse ashes as some priests had invited them saying that all arrangements would be made to immerse ashes.

Ever since the ban was enforced since the last week of April, people have continued to immerse ashes here and this had enraged the villagers. They alleged that some priests offer packages to the families to immerse ashes despite the ban. Today, villagers have blocked the roads leading to Paschimavahini with tree trunks, preventing movement.

Villagers said that they have no fear of the virus spreading from the ashes as all virus die while cremation. But people coming to Srirangapatna from various places could be potential carriers of the virus and they do not want to take the risk. The relatives of the departed soul will be in close contact with the priests performing rituals at Paschimavahini, Gosai Ghat, Sangama and B.G. Hole and the virus can easily form the infection chain, they argued.

In view of large crowds gathering at the ash immersion places, Srirangapatna Tahsildar M.V. Roopa ordered a ban on immersion of ashes and other associated articles in Cauvery River.

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 4th May 2021

Intl. Webinar on 'Career Catalyst' on May 8 and 9

Mysuru, May 4 - JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Division of Biochemistry, Faculty of Life Sciences, Mysuru, is organising an International Webinar entitled "The Career Catalyst: Plan, Prepare and Prosper in Life Sciences" on May 8 and 9.

One of the major questions of aspirants, graduates and stakeholders of Life Science Education is regarding the career opportunities in Life Sciences. It is often seen that there is a lot of dilemma among Life Science students when they find themselves at crossroads in their career even upon successful completion of a course. This may either be due to lack of awareness or proper guidance.

This webinar is being organised in order to motivate, guide and prepare the students to pursue their career either in academia, research, industry or entrepreneurship in Life Sciences. The webinar is empowered with a panel of twelve speakers in leading positions in academia, industry, research and entrepreneurial setup. Speakers from five countries (USA, UK, Austria, Australia and India) shall be addressing the participants about their respective domains, the career planning and the necessary present-day skillsets to attain promising roles in Life Sciences.

The webinar is exclusively designed for UG, PG and Ph.D students of Life Sciences to provide exposure to multiple career avenues in Life Sciences, thereby enabling the students with an understanding of required domain knowledge integrated with essential skill sets to be job ready. The webinar would make the career planning process easy, introspective and systematic.

Those interested may register for the event using the link: *www.shorturl.at/pJOU1* (Registration is free). To download the brochure visit: *www.shorturl.at/gwGU6;* and *www.jssuni.edu.in.* For further details contact the Organising Secretary Dr. J.M. Siddesha on Mob: +91-7019047500.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

COVID-19 is back with us for a vicious second (or third, or fourth) round, has surged to shocking levels with the peak nowhere in sight and an infrastructure collapse in plain sight. We have been reduced — again — to hiding out in our homes, working from our computers, eschewing all societal activities while the virus prowls outside, seeking to draw as many of us as it can into its maws. And we take a long hard look at who and what we are now? A people who are either in denial about COVID-19 or numbed by it, who still won't follow COVID protocol, who still congregate in multitudes whenever and wherever they can — people who refuse to hold those who govern us accountable for their unspeakable crimes and misdemeanours.

As people convinced we are eternal victims, filled with mistrust and an attendant disquiet, ready to viciously turn on anyone and everyone. Ready to be distracted by those who seek to turn our attention away from the real problems that ail us. This then, is the twin-level new normal. And you know what, we can still do something about it. That is, if we wish to. — *Shiela Kumar in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Thousands of Cockatoos take over Australian town

Nowra: Thousands of corellas, a subgenus of white cockatoo, invaded the New South Wales resort town of Nowra recently which made the town look like the set of an Alfred Hitchcock movie.

Photos and videos of white birds gathered on the streets of Nowra have been doing the rounds online for about a week. The corellas can be seen hanging from lamp posts, converging on people's lawns, roofs and digging trough their trash in search of food, and making an infernal ruckus. It's definitely not something you see everyday, but even though media outlets around the world have described the footage as somewhat of a freak occurrence, for the people of Nowra, the events captured on camera recently on Jindalee Crescent street have become quite common. For years, people here have been sharing the town with corellas, and although many of them hate the birds, there's not a lot they can do about it.

Mutant potted plant sells for 2,200 dollars

Lovendegem: Monstera adansonii is a common house plant that can be purchased for as little as $12 at any home & garden store, but a rare specimen recently sold for a whopping 1,799 euros ($2,200).

A garden center in Lovendegem, Belgium recently sold a rare monstera adansonii specimen for a small fortune, in just 30 minutes. The plant in question was only 15 centimeters tall, but featured an extremely rare mutation that caused its perforated leaves to grow yellow or white, instead of the usual green. This type of plant is virtually impossible to grow, so collectors are willing to pay a high premium to get their hands on it. In this particular case, an anonymous plant collector who had been looking for this rare specimen of monstera adansonii for a while, bought it within 30 minutes of it going on sale.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Can embryos be frozen?

Eggs, embryos and sperms can be frozen in liquid nitrogen at -196 degree. It is done for use at a later stage. The couple can freeze the extra embryos, once the woman has conceived and get them transferred at a later stage, when she wishes to have another child. The longest that the embryos have been stored and had a successful pregnancy, after being removed from freeze(thawed) is around 20 years.

***Dr. Nivedita Shetty** - Chief of Reproductive Medicine & IVF*

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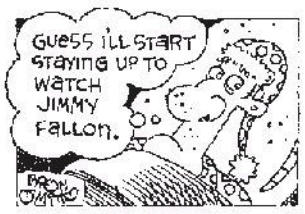


A University of Cambridge Study involving 9,962 people revealed unexpected results. Those who slept more than 8 hours per night were 46% more likely to suffer a stroke than those who slept 6 to 8 hours. Aim for 7 to 8 hours of sleep per night.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 2	MAY 3
Day's Positive Cases	2,750	2,685
Total Positive Cases	82,054	84,739
Day's Discharges	1,126	1,605
Total Discharges	67,345	68,950
Day's Deaths	8	14
Total Deaths	1,220	1,234
Total Active Cases	13,489	14,555

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Yoga College and Hospital to offer online training

Mysuru, May 4- The Government Nature Cure and Yoga College and Hospital on KRS Road, Brindavan Extension in Mysuru will conduct Pranayama, Mudra treatment and online yoga training to mark the International Yoga Day (celebrated on June 21).

Treatment

The College and Hospital is providing the treatment and conducting the training, to improve immunity, to reduce mental stress and to cure respiratory illness, according to a press release from the Principal of the College.

Those interested can contact Dr. V. Bharath Chandra on Mob: 99869-24382.

REALLY...?

- ***The veena is one of the most ancient string instruments of India. Its origin can be traced back to the ancient yazh, a stringed instrument, similar to the Grecian harp. Bharata, in his Natya Shastra, explains the theory of the 22 sruti-s in an octave with the help of two experimental veenas.***
- ***The veena then went through several innovations and modifications. In its current form, the instrument can be attributed to Raghunath Nayak (circa 17th century) of Tanjavur in Tamil Nadu.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Misuse of English!
A diagram in a book was not clear so the teacher drew the diagram on the blackboard and said:
"Don't look at the book Figure, look at my Figure!!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.84
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.52
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.10
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.86

VOICE OF THE READER

Payment of Property Tax at MCC or MUDA: Vijayanagar 3rd Stage residents in a fix

Sir,

I visited the MCC Zone-4 office recently to pay the property tax for my house situated at Vijayanagar 3rd Stage but the officer informed me that they are not receiving the tax for properties situated at Vijayanagar 3rd Stage.

As the tax is not received at MUDA or MCC, where should the owners of properties situated at Vijayanagar 3rd Stage pay property tax. Last year, the tax for the period 2020-21 was taken at MCC Zone-4 Office with PID number.

As tax paid challans are required for various purposes, I request both the MCC and MUDA Commissioners to issue a clarification in this regard. I am sure there are many property owners like me who are made to run from pillar to post.

—K. Raghunath
Vijayanagar 3rd Stage
29.4.2021

To Our Readers

On reading the feature article titled ***"For youths of Maartalli in Chamarajanagar Serving NATION is Serving GOD — Army Association Trust in remote village trains youths to enrol in Armed Forces"*** in *Star of Mysore* dated May 3, 2021, our office received a few calls from readers appreciating the selfless service being rendered by the Army Association Trust and wanted their contact number. Those interested may call Association President Joseph on Mob.: 94821-70136 / 70227-07097. **—Editor**

Nodal Officer to take care of COVID-19 orphaned children

Mysuru, May 4 (SPN&DM)- As the second wave of the deadly COVID-19 virus continues to take its toll, the State Government on Monday appointed K.P. Mohan Raj, a senior bureaucrat to take care of children who are orphaned by the death of their parents due to COVID.

Mohan Raj

In the order issued yesterday, N. Manjunatha Prasad, Revenue Department Principal Secretary, who is also the Member-Secretary of the Executive Committee of Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority, said that Mohan Raj, IAS Officer and Inspector General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps, has been appointed as the Nodal Officer to identify COVID-19 orphaned children in order to provide all necessary facilities and support to them.

The Nodal Officer will also be responsible for making long-term arrangements to take care of such children.

Reserve 10 percent beds for medical staff, families

Mysuru, May 4 (SPN&SSV)- The Directorate of Health and Family Welfare of Karnataka has issued orders asking all districts to reserve 10 percent of beds for doctors, non-medical staff and their families in case of they contract Coronavirus.

This order has been issued to all District Health Officers and District Surgeons to take immediate steps in this regard. Accordingly, 10 percent of beds have been reserved for them in Designated COVID Hospitals with immediate effect.

It has been done in the wake of doctors, non-medical staff and their families becoming the victims of contagion.

Last date extended

Mysuru, May 4- Mysuru Taluk Social Welfare Department, which had invited online applications from eligible SC students for availing post-matric student scholarships for 2020-21, has extended last date for submission of applications to May 15. Eligible students can apply online through website *www.ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in.*

For details, contact visit Office of the Assistant Director Grade-1, Social Welfare Department located in Government Boys Hostel premises, opposite Murugadevi Temple, Nazarbad or call Ph: 0821- 2520910.

Govt. delays NEET-PG exam for 4 more months

Priority in future recruitment to medics completing 100 days of COVID duty

New Delhi, May 4 (UNI)- The NEET-PG exam has been postponed for at least four months and will not be conducted before Aug. 31, 2021, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement on Monday.

The students will be given at least one month of time after announcement of the exam.

As per the statement, the decision has been taken in view of the current pandemic crisis which will make a large number of qualified doctors available for COVID duties.

The State and UT Governments have decided to make all efforts to reach out to each such prospective NEET candidates and request them to join the COVID-19 workforce in this hour of need, it read.

Services of Final Year MBBS students can be utilised for providing services like tele-consultation and monitoring of mild COVID cases which will reduce the workload on existing doctors engaged in COVID duty and provide boost to efforts of triaging, the PMO said.

The individuals providing services in COVID management will be given priority in forthcoming regular Government recruitments after they complete minimum of 100 days of COVID duty.

Apart from preference in recruitment, the PMO also said that medical personnel completing 100 days of COVID duties will be given Prime Minister's Distinguished COVID National Service Samman.

The medical students and professionals sought to be engaged in COVID related work will be suitably vaccinated and all health professionals thus engaged will be covered under the Insurance Scheme of Government for health workers engaged in fighting COVID-19, a statement said here.

The States and UTs have also been requested to maximise the manpower availability and help India overcome the COVID crisis.

More than 300 senior citizens of Dattagalli get jabs

Mysuru, May 4 (RKB&DM)- More than 300 senior citizens of Dattagalli, coming under Ward No. 46 received jabs at a COVID vaccination drive held at the office of area Corporator M. Lakshmi Kiran Madegwoda near Netaji Circle in Dattagalli here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Lakshmi Kiran said that more than 300 senior citizens of the ward received jabs for free in the vaccination drive.

Pointing out that a similar vaccination drive will be held near Ganapathi temple in Ramakrishnanagar I-Block, she said that people should be more alert as the second wave of the attack is proving more deadly than the first one that broke out last year. She appealed the people to co-operate in checking the spread of the virus by following COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour in the interest of their own health and safety.

Retired DHO Dr. Parashivamurthy, Kiran Madegowda, MCC Health Inspector Prakash, MCC staff Naziabanu, Annapurna and others were present.

Sugarcane growers urge State Govt. to declare health emergency

Mysuru, May 4 (UNI)- In the backdrop of increasing number of the affected in the second wave of COVID-19 across the State, Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association on Saturday urged the State Government to declare a health emergency to control the spiking cases and increased death rate.

In a statement issued here, Association President Kurubur Shanthakumar asked the State Government to take control over the Private Hospitals as they are ignoring the Government's directives.

Stating that rural people are not being adequately treated and there was shortage of beds, oxygen and ventilators, he urged the Government to take a decision to waive the loan repayment of the deceased patient in any hospital. Farmers should be protected by a minimum support price due to a decline in prices for farmers' agricultural products, he pointed out.

Doctors, Nurses and Paramedical staff put a lot of effort into treating Corona patients and, hence, the State Government should increase their salaries, he demanded.

NEWS BRIEFS

Direct interview at ED Hospital

The Epidemic Diseases (ED) Hospital at Metagalli, Mysuru, will be conducting direct interviews for appointment to various posts on a six-month contract basis. The interviews will be held for appointment of Specialists — Anaesthesiologist / Pulmonologist / General Medicine (6 posts), Medical Officer - MBBS (12 posts), Nursing Officer - BSc / GNM / Diploma Nursing, registered with Karnataka Nursing Council (18 posts), ICU Technician - Diploma in ICU Technician course (1 post), Maintenance Engineer - BE in Mechanical / Electrical Engineering (1 post), Biomedical Engineer - BE in Biomedical Engineering (1 post) and D-Group workers - SSLC pass. The interview will take place at the Office of District Surgeon, ED Hospital in Metagalli on May 5 and the appointment will be made based on Merit Cum Roster basis. For details, call Ph: 0821- 2517555, according to a press release.

Interaction with BSNL customers

BSNL Mysuru has organised an online Consumer Education Workshop on May 6 at 11 am. This is an interaction programme in which BSNL customers can interact with BSNL officers regarding 'BSNL services (Land line, Broadband, FTTH, Mobile, leased line etc) and also suggestions may be given for the improvement of BSNL services. BSNL customers may join with the Google meet link [meet.google.com/ukq-dtoe-jkc] according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	93.27	feet
Yesterday	:	93.35	feet
Inflow	:	206	cusecs
Outflow	:	419	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2259.35	feet
Inflow	:	125	cusecs
Outflow	:	775	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,819.80	feet
Inflow	:	213	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

COVID Curfew: Siddharamaiah demands special package for working class

Bengaluru, May 4 (KMS&DM)- Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah has urged the Government to announce a special package for the working class, which is deeply distressed by loss of jobs and income due to COVID Curfew.

Siddharamaiah

In a letter written to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Siddharamaiah, who is also a former Chief Minister, said that most migrant workers in the State capital are from North Karnataka, who have come in search of jobs and livelihood. But the COVID Curfew has badly affected their livelihood and the Government must come to their rescue by compensating them, he said.

Pointing out that there were 1.30 crore BPL families in the State, Siddharamaiah said that the State also has 1.50 crore labourers working in unorganised sector.

Urging the Government to announce a financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 per month to each of the poor and distressed families, he said farmers form a majority of the State's population and the Government should announce a financial package to farmers too, as most of them belong to BPL families.

Needy people receiving food packets being distributed by an organisation in city.

Claiming that the Government has waived off taxes totalling Rs. 10.5 lakh crore of Corporate companies, Siddharamaiah in his letter maintained that in such a scenario, a financial package will not be a burden on the Government. He also wanted the Government to announce interest-free loans to farmers, as such a move will help in boosting the State's economy.

Noting that the return migration to villages caused by the pandemic has stressed the agriculture sector, he said that the Government can come to the help of the farming community by reducing the prices of fertilisers, farm equipment and other agricultural inputs.

Strongly condemning the steep hike in the price of fertilisers, Siddharamaiah urged the CM to distribute food packets and food kits to every poor family as being done in Kerala.

Suggesting to provide free power to MSME, small-scale and home industries as the State is surplus in power generation, he wanted the Government to announce incentives for such industries which generate jobs. Stressing on the need to boost exports, he said that export duties must be withdrawn and Import duties must be lessened.

Referring to school fees, Siddharamaiah alleged that there are numerous complaints about private schools demanding payment of fees in full. Urging the Government to immediately address the school fee row, he said that the Government should order reduction of at least 50 percent of the fees as parents of children are finding it extremely difficult to get their students admitted in schools, due to loss of income.

Dwelling on the issue of the driver fraternity, the Opposition Leader said that most of passenger and goods transport vehicles went off the roads due to COVID induced lockdown last year.

Asserting that the lives of taxi, auto, maxi-cab drivers and owners have come to the streets due to loss of income, he said that many drivers have ended their lives, due to deep financial crisis. He urged the CM to come to the rescue of lakhs of driver families by announcing a fresh financial package covering all classes of drivers. He also wanted the Government to waive off vehicles taxes and defer loan repayment of public transport vehicles.

Next 15 days crucial for Kodagu: DHO

Madikeri, May 4- With the district reeling under a surge in COVID positive cases for the past few days, Kodagu District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Mohan Kumar has asked the people to be alert and cautious atleast for the next 15 days.

Dr. Mohan kumar

Speaking to presspersons here on Sunday, Dr. Mohan said that Kodagu district has 6.5 lakh population.

Following the second wave of attack of the deadly virus, those who had settled down in Bengaluru, which has become a COVID hotspot, are returning to their villages in Kodagu, which has resulted in the sudden spike of cases in the district. Expressing concern that the district may see a further rise in cases in the coming days, the DHO reiterated that the people of Kodagu should be alert and take necessary precautionary and safety measures, atleast for a fortnight.

Noting that the District is facing a shortage of Specialist doctors, Dr. Mohan said that there is a dearth of doctors at the District COVID Hospital too.

Bemoaning that people are hesitant to visit hospitals even after showing symptoms for the deadly disease, he said that this tendency of the people has been the cause for a high positivity rate in the district. Highlighting the importance of early testing and treatment, he warned that Kodagu may face a bigger crisis in the coming days if people do not get alert and take necessary precautionary measures.

Meanwhile, the total number of deaths so far in the district due to COVID-19 has risen to 120 and eight deaths have been reported in last 24 hours ending at 8 am on May 2.

Kodagu district on Sunday reported 532 new positive cases including 221 in Madikeri taluk alone, 141 in Somwarpet taluk and 170 in Virajpet taluk. Out of the 532 cases, 499 were detected through RT-PCR test, while the rest 33 cases through RAT test.

The cumulative number of persons who have tested positive for the virus in the district has reached 11,872, out of which 7,712 affected persons have recovered and 293 persons have been discharged from the Hospital in the last 24 hours. As on Sunday, the district had 4,042 active cases and 459 containment zones have been marked.

Wild tusker found dead at Nagarahole

Hanagod, May 4 (KS)- An injured wild tusker, aged between 35 and 40 years was found dead at Anechowkur Range of Nagarahole Reserve Forest on May 2. The carcass was found in the lake adjacent to the field of one Anantharamu at Channangi Beat.

It is suspected that the tusker may have died due to fight with other elephant. The dead tusker was pulled out of the lake with the help of tamed elephants Abhimanyu and Mahendra.

Veterinarian Dr. Mujeeb conducted the post-mortem in the presence of Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Satish, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Channaveera Ganigera and other officials. The carcass was cremated later.

Medicines worth Rs.18 lakh donated to PKTB Hospital

PKTB Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.M. Virupaksha and his team seen with representative of Cycle Pure Agarbathies and Raghulal and Co. as they receive medicines to stock the pharmacy at PKTB Hospital.

Mysuru, May 4 (RK&DM)- The city's well-known manufacturers of Cycle Pure Agarbathies N. Ranga Rao and Sons and popular Pharmacy Raghulal and Co. have donated medicines worth Rs.18 lakh to PKTB Hospital on KRS Road in city.

Raghulal and Co. Proprietor N. Raghavan told *Star of Mysore* that following a request by PKTB Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.M. Virupaksha, his company donated medicines worth Rs. 6 lakh to the Hospital on Apr. 29.

Later, Arjun Ranga of Ranga Rao and Sons called him unexpectedly over phone, when he (Raghavan) told him that he had donated medicines to PKTB Hospital. He too donated medicines worth about Rs. 12 lakh to PKTB Hospital on May 1, he said.

N. Raghavan of Raghulal and Co. dispatching drugs to PKTB Hospital.

Stating that Dr. Virupaksha, who was known to him for many years, contacted him over phone and requested for supply of medicines to COVID infected patients, Raghavan said that his company decided to donate medicines to PKTB Hospital which is completing 100 years of service this year.

PKTB Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Virupaksha, speaking to *SOM*, has expressed his gratitude to Raghulal and Co. and N. Ranga Rao and Sons, for donating medicines totally worth Rs.18 lakh to the Hospital.

He further said that Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri too has lauded the donations by the two well-known companies of the city.

Violation of COVID-19 guidelines

552 cases registered, Rs. 88,900 fine imposed

711 vehicles seized on May 2, 3

Mysuru, May 4 (KS)- The Mysuru City Police, who are keeping a watch on city to check unnecessary movement of people and also ensuring that people follow COVID-19 guidelines, issued by the State Government have seized a total of 711 vehicles besides registering 552 cases on those violating the guidelines and imposing Rs. 88,900 spot fines on them on May 2 and 3.

The City Police, who conducted operations across the city on May 2, have seized 328 two-wheelers, 12 autorickshaws, 53 cars and 9 other vehicles for moving around city unnecessarily.

The Cops have also registered 311 cases against people for not wearing face masks and not maintaining social distancing among other COVID-19 guidelines besides imposing a total of Rs. 50,400 spot fines on the offenders.

The Police also conducted operations on shops conducting business by violating the Government guidelines and action have been taken against the violators under The Disaster Management Act-2005 and The Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act-2020.

The Police have registered cases against the owner of a chicken meat stall at Gokulam 2nd Stage and owner of a garment shop at Meena Bazaar.

The Cops have submitted reports to the Court seeking permission to take action against owners of a garment shop on Kabir Road, another shop in Mandi Mohalla and chicken meat stalls at Vinayakanagar and V.V. Mohalla and against the owner of a Paint and Plywood shop in Rajivnagar 2nd Stage for violating the rules.

On May 3, the Police have seized 289 two-wheelers, 10 autorickshaws and 10 cars for moving around unnecessarily during COVID Curfew.

A total of 241 cases have been registered against those found not wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing among other rules besides imposing Rs. 38,500 spot fine on them.

The Police have also submitted reports to a Court and have sought permission to take action against the owner of a General Store in Gokulam 2nd Stage and against the owner of a juice shop in Gokulam 2nd Stage for not following the rules while conducting business, according to a press release.

Congress launches post-card campaign demanding distribution of 10-kg rice

Mysuru, May 4 (MTY&DM)- Urging the Government to distribute 10-kg rice to BPL card holders in accordance with the previous *Anna Bhagya* scheme, the City and District Congress launched a post-card campaign in front of the City Corporation Office on Sayyaji Rao Road here yesterday.

Addressing the Congress workers, KPCC Women's Wing State President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath said that the Congress Government led by Siddharamaiah had introduced *Anna Bhagya* scheme under which each member of BPL cards would get 10-kg of rice every month.

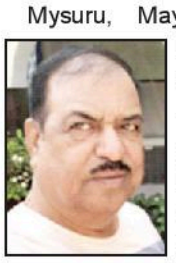
But the B.S. Yediyurappa led BJP Government has reduced the rice quota to just 2-kg, which move has badly affected poor families, that are already reeling under the effects of COVID-19 crisis, she alleged.

Asserting that the COVID crisis has thrown crores of poor families to the streets, Dr. Pushpa said that the Government should come to the rescue of poor families by providing 10-kg of rice in this hour of crisis.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Party Spokesperson H.A. Venkatesh, and others leaders took part in the post-card campaign.

Obituary

Asadulla Khan



Mysuru, May 4- Asadulla Khan (65), retired Treasury employee and a resident of Bogadi 2nd Stage, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, brother L.K. Atheeq, an IAS Officer and a host of relatives and friends.

Burial took place in city.

S.N. Cheluvaraj

S.N. Cheluvaraj (45), Assistant Director, Town Planning, MUDA and a resident of Udayagiri, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Sosale in T, Narasipur taluk today, according to family sources.

B.S. Nagaraju

B.S. Nagaraju (76), a resident of Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Basavapura village in Chamarajanagar taluk, he leaves behind his wife, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage this morning.

H. Renuka

H. Renuka (58), wife of R.P. Shankar, a retired MCC employee and a resident of Kuvempunagar 'M' Block, passed away on Friday afternoon at K.R. Hospital following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, son Vinod, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on Saturday at Jayanagar Burial Grounds.

With markets shut, vendors take to streets

Mysuru, May 4 (MTY&DM)- With the District Administration ordering a ban on fairs, shandies, jathras etc. as a COVID safety and precautionary measure in the wake of surge in COVID-19 cases, the Devaraja Market, V.V. Market, Mandi Market and M.G. Road Vegetable Market have been completely shut for business until further orders.

However, the vendors are allowed to do business along the streets and on push-carts by maintaining COVID guidelines such as wearing face mask, maintenance of physical distancing and hand sanitisation.

As a result, busy commercial streets such as D. Devaraj Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road and Dhanvantri Road have turned into street markets with fruits, vegetable and flower vendors using footpaths and other vacant spaces along the roads as a make-shift place for to conduct business.

With the four big fruit and vegetable markets shut all of a sudden, there has been a sudden surge in the demand for push-carts, as the authorities have permitted sales on push-carts from 6 am to 6 pm during COVID Curfew. Many push-cart vendors are seen in good numbers around RMC Circle on New Sayyaji Rao Road, Teresian College Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Agrahara Circle and other prominent roads and junctions in city.

However, the wholesale vegetable market at Dasara Exhibition parking lot, which was set up last year following the outbreak of the deadly pandemic, continues to function as usual. Here, the business is permitted only for a short period of two hours — 6 am to 8 am. The ground is a venue for inter-State trading of fruits and vegetables and as such, farmers and traders are allowed to enter the ground from 8 pm the previous day to get prepared for trading. Once trading ends at 8 am, the farmers are asked by the authorities to leave the ground by covering up any vegetables and other agricultural produce that are left unsold.

Meanwhile, grocery and grain shop owners have welcomed the Government's decision to extend business hours for essential services by two hours. Now provision stores and other essential commodities shops can open from 6 am to 12 noon. Earlier it was 6 am to 10 am.

But cops, who were unaware and confused about the two-hour extension, were seen asking shops in Siddarthanagar and other surrounding areas to shut at 10 am on Sunday, which was the first day of extended period. The action of cops irked the shopkeepers, who were seen entering into a verbal duel with the Police.

Fruit and vegetable traders, who were conducting business on M.G. Road Market, are now conducting business on the road side near Lalitha Mahal. The traders conduct business till 8 am every day.

Flower vendors to meet MCC authorities tomorrow

Flower vendors who were conducting business in the surroundings of J.K. Grounds were stopped by the Police today (May 4) as it began to get crowded and the vendors were reportedly told by the Police not to conduct business from tomorrow.

With the markets shut and the Police restricting their business, the flower vendors have decided to meet the MCC authorities tomorrow and urge the City Corporation Commissioner to provide an alternate place for them to conduct business.

Santhepet shops re-open
following alternate-day rule

Mysuru, May 4 (MTY&DM)- The Santhepet area in the heart of the Central Business District, which was completely shut down by the authorities for two days due to non-compliance of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and other guideline violations, re-opened today to a new rule introduced by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), which allows permitted shops on the left side of roads in the area to open on one day and those on the right the next day, on alternate-day basis.

Fearing that Santhepet area, including a few shops near the Dufferin Clock Tower, are turning into COVID-19 hotspots due to non-compliance of COVID protocols and other guidelines, the MCC authorities had ordered shutting of Santhepet on Sunday and prepared a list of provision and other essentials shops in the area which can only offer home delivery services.

But the traders, resenting the MCC's decision, met the MCC Commissioner at her Office and held a meeting during which Commissioner Shilpa Nag proposed alternate-day rule for permitted shops with a set of new rules and regulations, according to which shops on left side of the roads in the area can open on one day and those on the right the next day. The traders agreed to the Commissioner's suggestion and also assured on strict compliance of COVID-19 guidelines and other rules and regulations.

Following yesterday's successful meeting, permitted traders and shop owners on one side of the road in Santhepet area opened this morning by following all regulations that they had agreed to at yesterday's meeting. However, this alternate-day rule is applicable only for shops coming under Santhepet area. But shops along other roads in the vicinity, such as Jaganmohan Palace Road, are allowed to open as usual from 6 am to 12 noon by following all COVID-19 guidelines.

MCC Assistant Commissioner Manjunath, AEE Mruthyunjaya, Health Inspectors Rajeshwari Bai, Environment Engineer Yogesh and other officials visited Santhepet area this morning and inspected the compliance of new set of rules and COVID guidelines.

Crowd Concern

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Most of the people were seen driving on the streets by pasting printed paper sheets such as 'On Emergency Duty', ' Medical Emergency', 'Essential Work' and the likes on the windshields of their vehicles, especially cars. The metal barricades put on the main roads and important circles are of no use as they cannot restrict unnecessary movement of people. People are usually seen in Central Business District and wholesale vegetable markets without following safety protocols.

No protocols at Sub-Registrar offices

Over 7,000 people visit the Sub-Registrar Offices in Mysuru every day for registration and sale of properties, marriage registrations and other related works. There are 14 Sub-Registrar Offices in the district, including five in city.

The five Sub-Registrar Offices in the city are at — Mysuru East (Dr. Rajkumar Road), Mysuru West (near Vijayanagar Water Tank), Mysuru North (Mini Vidhana Soudha), Mysuru South (Ramakrishnanagar) and MUDA Office. There are nine offices in the district — T. Narasipur, Bannur, Nanjangud, K.R. Nagar, Mirle, Periyapatna, Bettadapura, Hunsur and H.D. Kote.

At present, on an average, 30 to 40 property registrations are being carried out in each of these offices every day and the numbers have not come down even during the on-going COVID Curfew. For each property registration, a minimum of 10 to 15 members would crowd the counters and there is no semblance of social distancing even inside sections of the offices.

It is mandatory for buyers, sellers and the signing witnesses to wear face masks while entering the office. Besides, everyone entering the office will have to undergo thermal screening. But none of these precautionary measures are followed at any office.

Both buyers and sellers have to remove their masks while taking photographs and provide their thumb impression — particularly during property registrations — and this would certainly increase the risk of transmitting infection.

At present, negative RT-PCR report is not mandatory for persons visiting these offices. Even if an employee gets infected, the office would be sealed down for just one day. According to guidelines issued by the Government, the office should be sanitised and all activities should resume from the next day. This is not followed. According to reports, eight employees of Mysuru (North) Sub-Registrar's Office located near Mini Vidhana Soudha have already tested positive for COVID-19.

IPL suspended indefinitely

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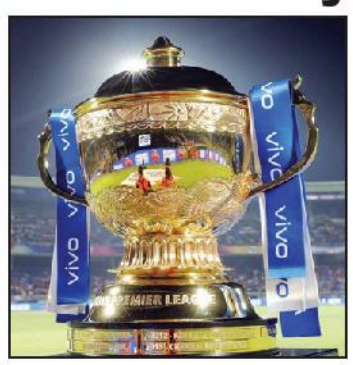


The BCCI does not want to compromise on the safety of the players, support staff and the other participants involved in organising the IPL. This decision was taken keeping the safety, health and wellbeing of all the stakeholders in mind, a statement read.

"These are difficult times, especially in India and while we have tried to bring in some positivity and cheer, however, it is imperative that the tournament is now suspended and everyone goes back to their families and loved ones in these trying times," the statement added.

The decision comes close on the heels of yesterday's match between the Kolkata Knight Riders and the Royal Challengers Bangalore in Ahmedabad being rescheduled after the KKR spinner Varun Chakravarthy and seam bowler Sandeep Warrier tested positive for virus.

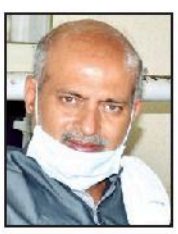
According to IPL Governing Council members, the decision was taken after Amit Mishra and Wriddhiman Saha too tested positive today. Multiple BCCI officials and the franchises too confirmed the development. "After much deliberation, it was decided that the tournament had to be suspended for now," a BCCI official said.

Yesterday, two members of Chennai Super Kings' IPL contingent too — bowling coach L. Balaji, and a bus cleaner — had tested positive. Many Australian players left the IPL early as Corona crisis worsened, with Adam Zampa and Kane Richardson choosing to follow AJ Tye home.

Rajasthan Royals batsman Liam Livingstone opted to return to England citing "bubble fatigue" after spending much of the last 10 months moving in and out of biosecure environments. Delhi Capitals spin spearhead R. Ashwin cut short his IPL season on April 25 to be with family. The BCCI now is in conversation with the authorities to ensure the safe travel for the overseas players.

Chamarajanagar tragedy

MLA blames lack of Co-ordination
between Mysuru and Chamarajanagar DCs



Mysuru, May 4 (RKB&DM)- A day after the tragic incident at Chamarajanagar, where 24 COVID patients allegedly died in a duration of 24 hours at the District Hospital for want of Medical Oxygen, K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh has blamed lack of co-ordination between the Deputy Commissioners of Chamarajanagar and Mysuru districts.

Addressing a press meet at his office here this morning, Mahesh maintained that the Government had entered into a contract with oxygen manufacturers and suppliers for supplying Medical Oxygen cylinders to all districts in accordance with the stipulated quota, according to which Chamarajanagar district is assigned to get about 300 cylinders a day. "I have information that Mysuru district administration at a meeting held in city recently, had exerted pressure on Controller of Drugs at Bengaluru to distribute only 150 cylinders to Chamarajanagar and 100 cylinders to Mandya and divert the rest to Mysuru. Although the vehicle that transports oxygen cylinders to Chamarajanagar stood waiting at Southern Gas Company in Mysuru for long hours, the gas manufacturer had dispatched only 100 cylinders and that too in batches when Chamarajanagar desperately needed more number of cylinders," he claimed.

Wails pierce walls of Chamarajanagar Hospital

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar during his visit to Chamarajanagar District Hospital yesterday.

Chamarajanagar, May 4 (SS&BCT)- The death of 24 COVID patients in Chamarajanagar District Hospital within 24 hours due to oxygen shortage has sent shock-waves among the relatives of patients who are yet to come to terms with the tragedy.

While a host of VIPs are visiting Chamarajanagar and at a time when Government authorities and political leaders are giving statements to suit their convenience and political leanings, there is no one to console the families who have lost their loved ones in a tragedy that was totally avoidable.

Even as the Government insisted that not all deaths were due to oxygen shortage, the families of the victims accused the authorities for not ensuring at least basic facilities at Government hospitals that are frequented mostly by poor.

"When my brother called me desperate for oxygen at around 7 pm on Sunday, he told me that many patients were gasping for breath as cylinders ran out of medical oxygen. The Liquid Medical Oxygen plant installed at the hospital can store oxygen only for 36 hours. My brother died at 8.30 pm, said a man who was wailing in front of the COVID-19 Health Centre in Chamarajanagar.

An inconsolable woman said that she had got married just two months back and now she has lost her husband. "We did not even go together anywhere and my life has been ruined. How will I lead my life," she wailed as her relatives took turns to console her. "My relative was married only two months ago and he called me at 12.30 am and narrated the desperate situation. We rushed to the hospital and we received that information that he had passed away," said another man who has lost his loved one.

"What would have happened if your relatives suffered the same fate?" What were you doing till oxygen supply had run out?" asked a patient's relative when MLA Puttarangashetty and DC Dr. M.R. Ravi visited the hospital soon after the tragedy.

Death figures fudged?

Meanwhile, Hanur MLA R. Narendra and Chamarajanagar MLA Puttarangashetty alleged that the Government had suppressed the exact number of dead. "As per as information based on data from various centres in my Constituency, at least 34 people had died. But the authorities are withholding details," Narendra alleged.

"I spoke to the State Chief Secretary about the oxygen scarcity in the district, but nobody has taken any action. I am in constant touch with the District Medical Officers, all of whom confirm that there is scarcity but the Government is in denial mode," he said.

The MLAs lashed out at the Government at a press conference they had called at the same venue where Chamarajanagar District Minister S. Suresh Kumar and Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar were speaking to reporters. The MLAs' press conference was objected to by the Deputy Commissioner who claimed that the statistics provided by Suresh Kumar and Dr. Sudhakar were authentic. The DC's insistence led to a verbal spat and the MLAs left the press conference in a huff. Meanwhile, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai has asked the Director General of Police Praveen Sood to investigate the matter and submit a comprehensive report for further action.

Govt. to blame for suffering, says ex-MP Dhruvanarayan

'Officials are begging for oxygen supply but Ministers in denial mode'

Dhruvanarayan

Chamarajanagar, May 4 (SS&BCT)- Chamarajanagar former MP and KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan has claimed that he had alerted the District Administration about the impending oxygen crisis on Saturday. "We have been alerting the district authorities about the shortage of oxygen but they didn't take our suggestions seriously. Mysuru administration is also to be blamed as they asked a few oxygen suppliers not to supply oxygen to Chamarajanagar Hospitals," he said.

"As soon as I learnt from officials in Chamarajanagar that Mysuru was not in a position to spare oxygen and a crisis would arise, I called DC Dr. Ravi to enquire the status and future measures. However, the DC assured me that all necessary steps were being taken to supply oxygen," Dhruvanarayan said.

"I had also called District Minister Suresh Kumar, who assured intervention but sadly 24 lives have been lost. The blame lies squarely at the doorstep of the State Government. I met the DC who expressed helplessness over his pleas for oxygen cylinders being ignored. Officials are begging for oxygen cylinders every day but the Government is not serious about replenishing supplies. The situation is so grim that the District authorities have not even been able to keep a stock for 3 to 4 days," he said, demanding the resignation of Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Judicial probe demanded

Leader of the Opposition Siddharamaiah has demanded a judicial inquiry into the tragedy. "This is murder committed by the Government. These deaths were totally preventable if only the hospital had enough oxygen supply. Chamarajanagar needs 300 cylinders of oxygen a day. There had been a shortage since Friday. But the district administration did not take adequate measures to maintain the oxygen stock. It is the total negligence of the State Government and irresponsible behaviour of the officers that are responsible for the deaths," said Siddharamaiah, adding that the Government should order an independent inquiry into the tragedy.

Siddharamaiah tweeted, "Series of SOS calls are being received due to lack of oxygen in various hospitals of our State. We don't want to see another Chamarajanagar Hospital incident. Every life is precious. To prevent further State-sponsored murders, I call for #ResignBSY & #ResignSudhakar."

The probe by IAS Officer and KSRTC Managing Director Shivayogi Kalasad would not bring out real facts and provide justice to families, he said and demanded compensation of Rs. 25 lakh each to the families for the loss of lives. Officials who were responsible for the deaths should be suspended, he demanded.

Mysuru DC responsible: MLC

Marithibbegowda

Meanwhile, JD(S) MLC Marithibbegowda alleged that Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri was responsible for the death of 24 people in Chamarajanagar. The Government must suspend the DC and conduct a judicial inquiry, he said. "Sindhuri had denied oxygen cylinders to Chamarajanagar on May 2 and the matter came to my notice at 11 am. Soon, I approached Karnataka COVID-19 Nodal Officers Gunjan Krishna and Nishchith. I explained the situation in Chamarajanagar and asked them to direct the DC to send Oxygen to Chamarajanagar. But the officers claimed that the DC did not consider their direction. Even Chamarajanagar District Minister Suresh Kumar has expressed displeasure against Sindhuri," he said. The MLC demanded the Government to release a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh each to the families of the victims.

Probe begins into deaths due to oxygen shortage

Chamarajanagar DC takes officials to task for leaking 'unofficial' death audit report

Chamarajanagar, May 4 (SS&BCT)- Senior IAS Officer and KSRTC Managing Director Shivayogi Kalasad arrived in Chamarajanagar this morning to investigate the deaths of 24 COVID-19 patients due to oxygen shortage. The State Government has appointed Kalasad to probe the incident and submit a report within three days.

Along with Kalasad investigation, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai too has ordered Director General of Police (DGP) Praveen Sood to investigate and submit a detailed report on the tragedy for further action.

Accompanied by Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi, Shivayogi Kalasad visited the COVID-19 Health Centre where the tragedy occurred. He met the District Health Officer and the staff supervising the arrangements at the hospital and gathered information.

Kalasad interacted with the people who had come for COVID tests and also verified the facilities at the healthcare unit including the Liquid Medical Oxygen plant, cylinder storage unit ICUs, ventilators and also the wards where patients are being treated. Speaking to reporters, the IAS officer refused to reveal any details. "The probe has begun and I have collected the information. It is too nascent to speak at this stage and the report will be readied in two days," he said.

Senior IAS Officer and KSRTC MD Shivayogi Kalasad (centre), who is investigating the deaths of 24 COVID-19 patients, visited Chamarajanagar Hospital this morning. He was accompanied by DC Dr. M.R. Ravi and others.

During the visit, DC Dr. Ravi lashed out at officials for not admitting a COVID-infected person into the Hospital. "You are just giving statements to the media. First treat the patients on priority," he told the District Surgeon.

Taking the officials to task, the DC questioned them how the death audit report reached the media.

"The death audit report that was released to the media is not official. Who gave it to the media? It is just a primary report and does not carry anyone's signature. It becomes official only after the Resident Medical Officer submits a report and if it carries my signature," the DC clarified.

High drama prevailed at the Hospital premises this morning as a Kannada Chaluvali activist slept on the floor of the Hospital demanding action against people responsible for the deaths. He demanded the resignation of the Health Minister and created a scene in front of the Hospital.

DC Dr. Ravi appealed him to withdraw the protest in view of the seriousness of the issue. When the protester did not relent, the DC, folding his hands, requested the agitator to move aside. When the Police intervened to shift the protester, he told the Police that he would immolate himself with kerosene he had brought. Later, however, the protester was moved aside.

Did not have info on oxygen shortage: MP

Sreenivasa Prasad visits Chamarajanagar; appeals leaders not to politicise tragedy

Mysuru, May 4 (RKB&DM)- Terming the death of 24 patients allegedly due to shortage of oxygen at Chamarajanagar District Hospital as most unfortunate, Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad has urged the Government to announce a fair compensation for the bereaved families.

Speaking to presspersons at his Jayalakshmipuram residence here yesterday afternoon soon after the tragedy news spread like wild fire, Sreenivasa Prasad said that he had spoken to Chamarajanagar DC yesterday (on Sunday), during which the DC had said that there were no problems in the treatment of COVID patients.

"During the telephonic talk on Sunday, the Chamarajanagar DC did not say anything about shortage of oxygen cylinders at the District Hospital. I don't have any information about the talks that Chamarajanagar DC reportedly had with Mysuru MP," Prasad said.

Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad seen addressing presspersons at Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office here yesterday as Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, Chamarajanagar District Minister S. Suresh Kumar, MLA C.S. Niranjan Kumar, DC Dr. M.R. Ravi and others look on.

After the tragedy, the MP visited Chamarajanagar and held talks with Chamarajanagar District Minister S. Suresh Kumar, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Ravi. He appealed to political leaders not to politicise the issue.

"Yes, the deaths have happened and we need to come together to combat COVID. Even if the Congress Government would have been in power it would have been helpless in such a situation," he said.

"I am in constant touch with the authorities there and getting updated information about the treatment and availability of general beds, oxygenated beds, ICUs and oxygen supplies," he said.

Recalling that Chamarajanagar was declared as one among the very few districts of the country in effectively checking the spread of the pandemic when it broke out last year, Sreenivasa Prasad said that one should not forget the fact that the Union Health Minister had then personally spoken to Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner appreciating the efforts of the district authorities for ensuring that the district did not have a single case in the first few months of the outbreak.

WORD OF THE DAY

Herald

Pronunciation: HAIR-uld.
Meaning: To give notice of : announce; to greet especially with enthusiasm: hail; to signal the approach of.
Origin: While herald the verb is more common today, herald the noun is older. When the word was first used in the early 14th century, it referred to an official at a tournament (one of those knightly sporting events the Middle Ages are famous for); the herald's duties included making announcements, hence the word's uses relating to announcements, literal and metaphorical. The word is ultimately Germanic in origin, coming from a long-lost word that can be translated as "one directing or having authority over a body of armed men," though like so many words of 14th century vintage, it came to English by way of Anglo-French. The resemblance between herald and the name Harold is not coincidental: Harold is a modern form of Chariovalda, the name of a 1st century C.E. leader of the Batavi, a tribe who lived on the lower Rhine. The Germanic source of Chariovalda, turned into a generic noun, is also the source of herald.

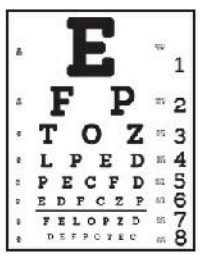
THE ODD WORD

Habergeon

Sleeveless mail coat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hindsight is 20/20



Meaning: The phrase hindsight is 20/20 means looking back at a situation or an event and having a clearer understanding of it and how things could have been done better.
Origin: As the saying goes, hindsight is 20/20, but what do those numbers mean anyway? Basically, it refers to the normal visual acuity of a person, the sharpness or clarity of their eyesight.
Example: A 'Snellen chart' is an eye chart that measures a person's visual acuity. Somebody with 20/20 vision has normal acuity, meaning if they were to stand at a distance of 20 feet from the eye chart, then they would be able to clearly see each row of letters. So what happens if instead the person has 20/40 vision? Well now the person's acuity is worse, so the letters they see clearly at a distance of 20 feet, someone with normal acuity can see those same letters with just as much clarity at a distance of 40 feet.
Anyway, the point is that someone with 20/20 vision has good eye sight; they see things clearly. With that in mind, this expression is saying that when we look back at situations that went poorly, we can clearly see (hence 20/20) what could've been done better.

QUOTE BOX

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

— Margaret Mead

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Fancy pants.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Story of heroic exploits
5 Alluvial deposit
10 Family name of Juliet
13 Six-ball sequences
14 Minor illness
15 Governor in Mogul India
16 Impose as a guide
18 Tenth std. exams
19 Old French coin
20 Mystery writer John Dickson___
24 Three in Italy
27 Informative calendar
29 Nautical
32 Spanish wine shop
33 Unit of electric charge
35 PC panic button
36 Arrived
37 Instrument Landing Sys.
39 Disease activity index, abbr.
42 Cover the eyes
45 Holy river for us Indians
49 Of marriage
50 Bathroom fixture
51 Excessive modesty
52 Cut dramatically
53 State flower of Utah - "goes" round?

DOWN

1 Totals or adds up
2 Actor Guinness
3 Kind or style - "green" anagram?
4 Ancient Greek region
5 Completed
6 Actress Longoria
7 ____ Hoad : tennis great of days gone by?
8 ___ la la... : song humming?
9 Acc. Standards Board
10 Schoolboys' headgear
11 Light melodies
12 Plucking implement
17 From which flowers grow
20 Rogues
21 A short account of a story
22 Scrap of cloth
23 Record company ___ Victor
25 Disturb or irk
26 Rock musician Brian
28 "The Simpsons" bartender
29 Roman 1200
30 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
31 German name - "Mile" anagram?
34 Airships
38 Catch in a ___ : bait or trap?
40 Winglike
41 In a languid manner
42 Tub for soaking
43 Any substance used as a medicine
44 "If do" change for a popular name for a dog?
45 Pygmalion, monogram
46 Be unwell
47 Natl Def Acad.
48 Ground Earth Station

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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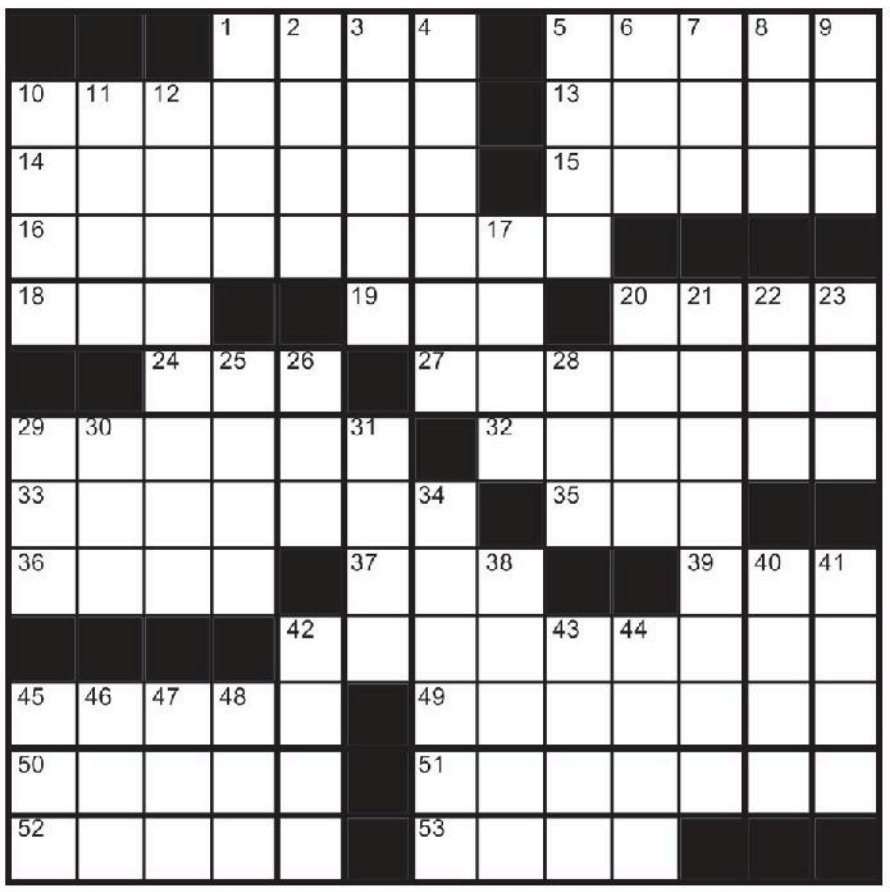

SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

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3	9	6	2	4	5	1	8	7
8	2	4	7	1	9	6	3	5
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7	1	8	5	9	3	2	4	6
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JU HUVHU EJU GJTA WAHWIA EYS, DCF FLAYA LJK UAQAY

DAAU J QAPAFJDIA VUQAUFAN FH GJTA FLAG IJCPL.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you walk into an open sewer and die - Mel Brooks

Life is a Journey...

THIS PICTURE IS INDEED WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS...: ***Inspired by the old saying, 'A picture is worth a thousand words' — meaning multiple ideas can be conveyed more effectively by a single still image than a mere verbal description — the South Western Railway (SWR) is sensitising rail-users about the importance of wearing face masks in the right way. The set of six statues — modelled on actual Railway passengers with the theme 'Life is a journey' — adorning the portico of the Mysuru City Railway Station to celebrate the spirit of travel, is now provided with face masks. SWR Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Rahul Agarwal has appealed to all rail passengers to compulsorily wear face masks in the right way during their presence in the Railway Station premises and onboard trains, not only to protect themselves but also others from the deadly Coronavirus. The life-like statuary, besides greeting the passengers and reminding them to be cautious, is sending a message across the Nation:*** *'Mask up Indian, Be a Saviour, Wear Protective Mask and Maintain Social Distance.' [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

DC appeals industries to extend help in COVID fight

Mysuru, May 4 (MK&DM)-With the District reeling under continuous surge of COVID cases, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has appealed industries to develop the medical infrastructure under CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiative.

The DC, who held a meeting with industrialists at her Office here on Monday, recalled that several industries had donated masks, sanitisers and such other safety articles when the pandemic first broke out last year. But now, the need of the hour is developing medical infrastructure in the city and district, for which the industries should join hands, she said and appealed them to take care of managing the COVID Mitra Centres that are coming up at three places in the city.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunatha Swamy, District Industries Centre (DIC) Joint Director D.K. Lingaraju, District Surgeon Dr. Rajeshwari, DHO Dr. T. Amarnath and other officials were present.

After DMK's victory...

Woman cuts part of tongue, fulfils vow

Chennai, May 4 (UNI)-In a shocking incident, a 32-year-old woman DMK supporter chopped her part of a tongue at a Goddess Mariamman temple to fulfil her vow taken for the victory of the DMK in the April 6 Assembly elections.

After the DMK's victory, the woman, Vanitha, went to the temple, but it was closed. Suddenly, she chopped off her part of the tongue in front of temple and offered it to the deity, reports received here said.

The incident took place at Paramakudi taluka in Poduvakudi village in Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu.

The woman was the wife of Karthik, who is a DMK member.

As locals found her with bleeding mouth, she was taken to Paramakudi Government Hospital, where she was admitted for treatment.

This is the second such incident in one month after a DMK worker cut off one of his fingers at a Mariamman temple on the last day of campaigning in Virudhunagar district, while praying for the DMK's victory in the elections.

He was admitted to Virudhunagar government hospital for treatment.

The DMK after being in the Opposition for ten years, stormed back to power with a resounding victory and its President M.K. Stalin is all set to become the Chief Minister for the first time.

Disinfecting City Roads

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) with the help of Fire and Emergency Services Department began spraying of disinfectant on prominent city roads this morning in a bid to prevent the spread of the deadly virus. This is for the first time spraying of disinfectant is being undertaken since the second wave broke out. The fire extinguishing vehicle today undertook the spraying on D. Devaraj Urs Road, K.R. Circle, Shivarampet, Sayyaji Rao Road, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Sub-Urban Bus Stand and other prominent roads.

Villagers block road to Paschimavahini

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After the ban, the Police had erected barricades at ashes immersion spots at Paschimavahini, Cauvery Sangama, Gosai Ghat and Sopaanakatte in order to prevent people from performing the rituals of the dead.

But after a few days, the rituals again began with the connivance of some of the priests here, said villagers.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, President of Shaswathi Dharmika Kriya Samithi at Srirangapatna Dr. Bhanu Prakash Sharma said that while the ban on ash immersion was a welcome move, devotees must be allowed to immerse ashes at certain designated places.

"The Taluk and District Administrations can identify specific places for ash immersion and social distancing and sanitisation can be ensured. As there are arrangements now to cremate COVID and non-COVID bodies at all crematoriums, arrangements must be made to immerse ashes too. Immersion of ashes at places where rivers meet — especially at Paschimavahini — is considered holy. The administration must allow people to follow their faith," he opined.

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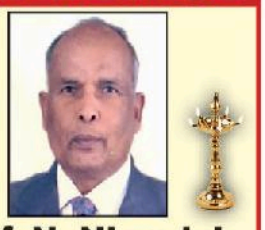

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